Coast of Bays Regional Profile

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This *Regional Profile* has been prepared by Cynthia Kelly, Research Coordinator, of the Coast of Bays Corporation in order to assist businesses and industries when considering a location within the region. The *profile* is designed to outline background information, population and labour market statistics, infrastructure and services, taxation rates, economic development ind ustries and business support services which are available within the region.

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Boswarlos
Gaultois
Little Harbour
Hermitage
Sandyville
Dawson's Cove
Seal Cove
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Miller's Passage
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Pool's Cove
Doctor's Harbour
Terrenceton East
Corbin Bay
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Rencontre West
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Ramea
Francois
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Placentia
Argentia
Whitbourne
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Witless Bay
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St. John's
Cape Spear
Cape Bonavista
Cape St. Mary's
Cape Ray
Cape Anguille
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Cape Chidley
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Wabush
Goose Bay
Happy Valley
Cartwright
Port Hope Simpson
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Battle Harbour
Red Bay
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Gulf of St. Lawrence
Strait of Belle Isle
Atlantic Ocean
Cabot Strait
Bay of Fundy
Gulf of Maine
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New Brunswick
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Maine
Newfoundland
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Atlantic Provinces
Ontario
Manitoba
Saskatchewan
Alberta
British Columbia
Yukon
Northwest Territories
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Iceland
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Russia
Asia
Pacific Ocean
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Hudson Bay
Hudson Strait
Baffin Island
Ellesmere Island
Victoria Island
Banks Island
Melville Island
Prince of Wales Island
Somerset Island
Boothia Peninsula
King William Island
Southampton Island
Coats Island
Mansel Island
Akimiski Island
James Bay
Ungava Bay
Ungava Peninsula
Labrador Sea
Davis Strait
Foxe Basin
Foxe Peninsula
Melville Peninsula
Gulf of Boothia
Committee Bay
Chesterfield Inlet
Rankin Inlet
Baker Lake
Queen Maud Gulf
Coronation Gulf
Dolphin and Union Strait
Amundsen Gulf
Beaufort Sea
Mackenzie River
Great Slave Lake
Great Bear Lake
Yellowknife
Hay River
Fort Simpson
Fort Nelson
Fort St. John
Dawson Creek
Prince George
Prince Rupert
Queen Charlotte Islands
Vancouver Island
Victoria
Vancouver
Kamloops
Kelowna
Penticton
Nelson
Trail
Cranbrook
Kootenay Lake
Columbia River
Rocky Mountains
Peace River
Athabasca River
Lake Athabasca
Lake Winnipeg
Lake Manitoba
Lake of the Woods
Thunder Bay
Sault Ste. Marie
Sudbury
North Bay
Timmins
Kapuskasing
Moosonee
Cochrane
Kirkland Lake
Haileybury
Temiskaming
Ottawa River
Lake Nipissing
Georgian Bay
Lake Huron
Lake Erie
Lake Ontario
Lake Simcoe
Lake Scugog
Lake Couchiching
Lake Muskoka
Lake Rosseau
Lake Joseph
Lake of Bays
Algonquin Park
Toronto
Hamilton
St. Catharines
Niagara Falls
Welland
Kitchener
Waterloo
Guelph
Cambridge
Brantford
London
Windsor
Sarnia
Owen Sound
Collingwood
Barrie
Orillia
Peterborough
Kingston
Belleville
Trenton
Cornwall
Brockville
Prescott
Gananoque
Thousand Islands
Rideau Canal
Rideau River
Rideau Lakes
Smiths Falls
Perth
Carleton Place
Almonte
Arnprior
Renfrew
Pembroke
Petawawa
Deep River
Chalk River
Mattawa
Temagami
Lake Temagami
Lake Timiskaming
Cobalt
New Liskeard
Englehart
Kirkland Lake
Timmins
Kapuskasing
Hearst
Moosonee
Moose Factory
Cochrane
Iroquois Falls
Smooth Rock Falls
Kapuskasing River
Abitibi River
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Smooth Rock Falls
Kapuskasing River
Abitibi River
Abitibi Canyon
Lake Abitibi

General Overview

The Coast of Bays region is nestled on the south coast of Newfoundland covering an area of approximately 11,292 square km. This region is 180 km from the Trans Canada Highway and 539 km from the provincial capital, St. John's, Newfoundland.

In total, the Coast of Bays region is home to 22 communities with populations ranging from 195 to 2290 people (Statistics Canada, 1996). The Coast of Bays zone has been geographically broken down into three sub regions: Fortune Bay North Shore, Connaigre Peninsula, and the Bay d'Espoir Region.

Fortune Bay North	**Bay D'Espoir**	**Connaigre Peninsula**
Belleoram	Conne River	Gaultois
Boxey	Head Bay D'Espoir	Harbour Breton
Coomb's Cove	Milltown	Hermitage
English Harbour West	Morrisville	McCallum
Mose Ambrose	St. Alban's	Sandyville
Pool's Cove	St. Joseph's Cove	Seal Cove
Rencontre East	St. Veronica's	
St. Jacques		
Wreck Cove		

This document will outline data that includes; population and labour force statistics, information on the business and residential taxation rates, transportation and communication services, educational, medical and recreational facilities, environmental and climatic conditions, economic development industries and cultural heritage that is evident throughout the region.

The development of the Regional Economic Development Board has led to prospering development industries throughout the region in Aquaculture, Fisheries and Tourism. Within a strategic international trading location between the European Economic Union and the North American Free Trade agreement, the potentials for export-based and natural resource-based businesses are abundant.

Progress in technology and telecommunications has opened up new realm of opportunities for combining a rural peaceful life with running successful local, national and international businesses, accessing markets throughout the world.

Affordable housing, attractive business and taxation rates and a hardworking skilled labour force make this region a tempting and affordable place to establish a business and a home.

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Labour Market

The unemployment rate within the Coast of Bays region is 34.7%. The region however, boasts a very strong labour force with individuals who follow a self-reliant responsible work ethic. People within this region are very hard working and employees are very loyal to their employers, resulting in low turnover. The rural character of the region has produced a work force that is creative, adaptable and entrepreneurial. Within the Coast of Bays, there is a labour force of 4010 and an average individual wage of $14,490 (Statistics Canada, 1996). In the region, 95 % of the households earn less than $50,000 US dollars per year (Statistics Canada, 1996).

- ***Labour Force by Area***

Community	*Labour Force*	*Number Employed*
Rencontre East	80	80
St. Jacques-Coomb's Cove	305	275
Pool's Cove	120	90
Belleoram	205	140
Gaultois	140	75
Harbour Breton	900	500
Seal Cove	185	110
Hermitage-Sandyville	240	130
Milltown-Head Bay D'Espoir	445	275
St. Alban's	660	465
Morrisville	95	60
Samiajij Miawpukek	485	305
Division No. 3	150	115
Total Coast of Bays	4010	2620

Statistics Canada, 1996

- ***Labour Force by Occupation***

Occupation	*Labour Force*
Arts, culture, recreation and sports	20
Business, finance and administration	265
Health and related occupations	55
Management occupations	185
Natural, applied sciences, & related occupations	115
Occupations unique to primary industry	780
Processing, manufacturing and utility occupations	440
Sales and service occupations	795
Social science, education, government, etc.	250
Trades, transport, equipment & related occupations	735
Not applicable	245

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- ***Labour Force by Sector***

Sector	*Labour Force*
Accommodations, Food-Beverage	100
Agriculture and related services	35
Business	45
Communication	115
Construction	295
Education	290
Finance and Insurance	10
Fishing and Trapping	610
Government Services	260
Health and Social Services	285
Wholesale Trade	75
Logging	110
Manufacturing	665
Mining	20
Other Services	200
Retail-Trade	470
Transportation and Storage	115
Industry non-applicable	270

Statistics Canada, 1996

Labour Market (cont'd)

- ***Labour Force Activity***

Labour Force	*Male*	*Female*
In the labour force	2410	1590
Participation rate	61.9	41.9
Employed	1560	1025
Unemployed	835	555
Unemployment rate	34.6	34.9
Not in labour force	1475	2170

Statistics Canada, 1996

- ***Average Family Income, Persons Per Household and Number of Private Households***

The average family income in 1996 was $26,900. Listed below is a breakdown by community.

Community	*Average Family Income*	*Persons Per Households*	*# of Private Households*
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Pool's Cove	Not Available	3.00	80
Harbour Breton	$31,362	3.50	650
Seal Cove	$34, 369	2.80	140
Hermitage-Sandyville	$26,246	3.20	215
Gaultois	$26,702	3.30	125
Milltown/Head Bay d'Espoir	$36,087	3.00	365
St. Alban's	$35,880	3.00	515
Morrisville	Not Available	3.90	50
Conne River	$46,369	3.80	195
St. Jacques-Coomb's Cove	$32,410	3.10	270
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Statistics Canada, 1996

- ***Educational Attainment***

Highest level of schooling	*1996*
With a secondary school graduation certificate	705
Trades Certificate or Diploma	340
Other Non-University Education	955
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- ***Regional Population***

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Harbour Breton	2290
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Samiajij Miawpukek	750
St. Jacques-Coomb's Cove	830
Division No. 3 (St. Joseph's, St. Veronica's, McCallum)*	350
Total	9660

Statistics Canada, 1996

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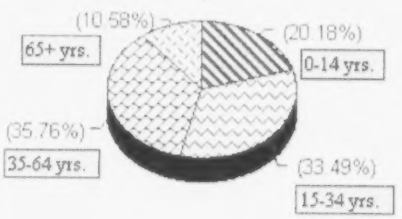

Population by Age, 1996

An analysis of the population shows that the majority of the people in the region are between the age of nineteen and sixty-four which provides for a middle-aged workforce. Furthermore, it is an indication of a permanent source of labour as these people have decided to remain and make a living in the region.

Age Groups	*Male*	*Female*
Total	4855	4805
0-19	1435	1380
20-24	415	355
25-44	1575	1540
45-64	970	980
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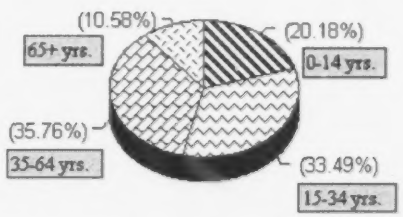

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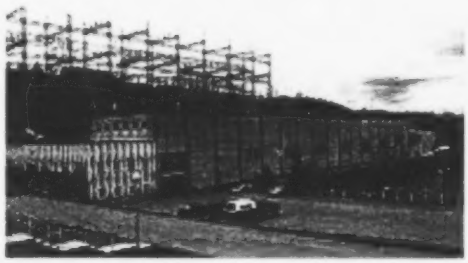
Infrastructure

- ***Hydro-Electricity***



The vast network of rivers and lakes in the Coast of Bays covers some 6051 square kilometers. The region has one of the largest hydroelectric stations in Eastern Canada. The hydro generating station holds seven generating units with a total out put of 604 MV, which produces more than 2700 Gigawatt hours of electrical energy annually. The Bay d'Espoir Hydro Generating station is a major employer within the Coast of Bays region, employing 115 people.

Rencontre East and McCallum are supplied by Diesel Hydro Electricity. The following are the rates.

Diesel Hydro Electricity

1) Domestic Service Monthly Rate
Base Charge: $16.19/month
Energy Charge:
First 700 kilowatt hours 6.44 cents/kWh
Next 300 kilowatt hours 9.395 cents/kWh
All kilowatts over 1000 hours 12.737/kWh

2) General Service Diesel Monthly Rate
Base Charge: $18.42/month
Energy Charge:
First 700 kilowatt hours 8.67 cents/kWh
All kilowatts over 700 hours 19.113 cents/kWh

Hydro Electricity

1) Domestic Service Monthly Rate
Base Charge: $16.19/month
Energy Charge:
All kilowatt hours 6.44 cents/kWh

2) General Service 10 – 100 kW (110 kva)
Base Charge: $19.86/month
Energy Charge:
First 150 kilowatt hours 6.963 cents/kWh
All kilowatts hours after 150 4.324 cents/kWh

For further information, visit their website at www.nlh.nf.ca

Infrastructure (cont'd)

- ***Telecommunications***

In the Coast of Bays region the communications infrastructure will be in a digital mode by the year 2000. The Bay d'Espoir area is the site of the largest hydroelectricity generating station owned by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro on the Island of Newfoundland, Canada. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro has recently entered into an agreement with Newtel to construct a digital communications system from Bay d'Espoir to connect to the fibre optic network in Central Newfoundland.

Further to this, the fibre optic line has been installed from the Hydro generating station to the transmitter site located in St. Alban's. Later this spring, a digital transceiver will be installed to allow digital connection with the fibre optic network. The increased bandwidth will allow Newtel to offer a full range of optional features to its phone service including voice mail and local access to the Sympatico Internet service. Following this, digital connection will be made to Hermitage, Harbour Breton and English Harbour West areas allowing all the surrounding communities access to a full range of telephone and Internet access. The initial fibre optic connection for St. Alban's is expected to be complete and operational by September 1999 and the remaining areas to follow within the coming year.

- ***Internet Accessibility***

Internet service is available locally in Bay d'Espoir through a local Internet Services Provider, which utilizes a satellite connection direct to Cancom in Mississauga, Ontario. The average connection rate in the local area is between 26400 and 38400 bps. They also offer a website development and hosting service. Sympatico Internet service, the countrywide Internet service, offered by a consortium of telephone companies is available locally to Pool's Cove and Rencontre East, and will be accessible to the entire region by the year 2000.

All schools in the region have Internet access through the province-wide educational Internet service – Stem Net. These schools send the browser requests out over a modem connection and the incoming page is received at the school through a PC Direct Satellite Receiver. For further information, visit the website at http://www.calvin.stemnet.nf.ca. This region also takes advantage of the Community Access Program (CAP) of Industry Canada. For more information visit the website at http://www.publib.nf.ca/CAP.

Through the Public Libraries and the Community Access Program, residents and business have access to the information highway.

Infrastructure (cont'd)

- ***Mobile / Cellular Phone Service***

A mobile phone service is available from Newtel Communication throughout the region. Cellular phone service is unavailable at the present due to the distance from the main cellular communications network. The feasibility of this service in the region is being investigated by Newtel Communications. Another radio-phone service is available locally and is provided by Econo Communications.

- ***Cable Television***

Cable Television is available in most communities and many are subscribing to the direct-to-home programming packages. Regional Cable is the major cable television provider in the region with the exception of two communities. In Conne River, cable is provided by Conne River Cablevision and in Hermitage by Skyway Cablevision.

Community bulletin board services are also available throughout the region. In Bay d'Espoir, Rencontre East and Harbour Breton, this service is provided by the local schools in partnership with Regional Cable. In Belleoram, the Recreation Committee manages the community bulletin board while in Hermitage and Conne River the cable companies provide the service.

- ***Newspaper***

The weekly newspaper for the region is The Coaster. It is distributed to all communities within the Coast of Bays region, with a circulation for the region is approximately 2000.

Rates:
Classified ads: 55¢ per line
Word ads: $6.50 for 25 words
Business Card Page: (4 weeks): $13.75 per week.
Yearly Subscription: ($89.20 Canadian) ($153.00 Foreign)

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Infrastructure (cont'd)

- ***Transportation***

Air Services

Conne River Charter Air Service
Provides charter service within the region.

Universal Helicopters
Provides charter service in the Coast of Bays region.

Air Canada and Canadian Airlines International
Gander Airport (2.5-3 hrs drive) and St. John's Airport (6 hrs drive) provides daily national and international flights.

Approximate Flying Times to Market	
Newfoundland To:	**(hrs)**
London, England	5.0
New York, U.S.A	4.5
Toronto, Canada	3.0
Vancouver, Canada	9.0
Boston, U.S.A	3.5

Source: Atlantic Provinces Transportation Committee

Trucking

Route 360; the Bay d'Espoir highway connects the Coast of Bays region to the Trans Canada Highway. The Trans Canada Highway is the major link for shipping products and goods across the province. Trucking services within the region includes:

*Midland (709) 489-4101

*Hickey's Transport (709) 885-2306

*Perry's Wholesale (709) 538-3550

*Day and Ross (709) 489-8860

Approximate Trucking Days to Market	
Newfoundland To:	**Days**
Halifax, Canada	1-2
Toronto, Canada	3-5
New York, U.S.A	4-5
Miami, U.S.A	4-5
Houston, U.S.A	5-7

Source: Atlantic Provinces Transportation Committee

Infrastructure (cont'd)

- ***Shipping Services***

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- ***Commercial Wharves***

Location	*Load Limit*		*Gross Vehicle Weight*		*Wharf*	*Depth*
	Kg/m2	*lbs/ft2*	*Kg*	*lbs*		
Rencontre East	1500	300	27,500	60,700	10m wide/berthing 28m	2.8 to 3.5 meters
English Harbour West	1000	200	18,355	40,466	27m outer face	3.7 to 6.4 meters
Habour Breton	1000	200	18,355	40,466	38m long	3.4 meters
Hermitage	2500	500	45,900	101,200	21m long	3.8 to 4.7 meters
Gaultois	1000	200	18,355	40,466	30m outer face/29 m	4 to 6.1 m/ 2 to 22m
St. Alban's	2500	500	45,900	101,200	103m long	7 meters
Milltown	1000	200	27,500	60,700	13m long	2.4 to 4.9 metres
McCallum	1000	200	27,500	60,700	27m outer face	3 meters

Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Sailing Directions, 1995

- ***Smaller Vessel and Pleasure Boating***

Location	*Wharf/Length*	*Depth/Meters*
Belleoram, Public Wharf	31m long	2.1m to 3.4m
West Wharf	15m outer face	2.4m
East Wharf	54m long	5.1m
Boxey, Public Wharf	33m long	0.9m
Coomb's, Public Wharf	50m long	2.6m to 5m
Gaultois, Fish Plant Wharf	68m long	10m to 21m
Harbour Breton, Fish Plant Wharf	113m long	4.3m
Extended L	85m long	2.4m
Hermitage, Fish Plant Wharf	56m long	4m to 7m
L-shaped Wharf	31m long	5m to 11m
Extended L, Floating Wharf	78m long	6m to 11m
Wharf	46m long	1.8m
McCallum, Marginal Wharf	9m long	3m
Pool's Cove, Public Wharf	40m long	5.2m
Rencontre East, Public Wharf	24m long	1.4m
Seal Cove, Break Water Wharf	145m long	0.8m to 2.8m
St. Jacques, Public Wharf	33m long	3.4m
Wreck Cove, Public Wharf	80m long	0.6m to 3.1m

Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Sailing Directions, 1995

- ***Market Access***

Approximate Shipping Days to Market:

Newfoundland To:	**Days:**
London, England	10 to 11
Halifax, Canada	1.5
Montreal, Canada	3
Norfolk, U.S.A	4 to 5
Boston, U.S.A	4
Hamburg, Germany	12
Copenhagen, Denmark	14
Miami, U.S.A	9

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Source: Atlantic Provinces Transportation Committee

Infrastructure (cont'd)

- *MV Ferry Services*

The MV Terra Nova provides passenger and freight services to the following communities daily.

Gaultois-Hermitage Crossing time 20 min.	Hermitage-Gaultois Crossing time 20 min	Gaultois –McCallum Crossing time 1.5 hrs	McCallum-Hermitage Crossing time 1.5 hrs
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 5:15 PM, 6:45 PM	9:00 AM, 11:15 AM, 4:15 PM, 6:00 PM, 7:30 PM	12:00 Noon	2:15 PM

The MV Northern Whale provides passenger and freight services to the following communities.

Winter Schedule: September 15 to June 14
Pool's Cove to Rencontre East
Crossing time 1.5 hrs

Sunday and Friday	Monday and Saturday	Tuesday
1:15 PM	8:45 AM, 3:45 PM	11:45 AM

Rencontre East to Pool's Cove

Sunday and Friday	Monday and Saturday	Thursday
11:30 AM	7:00 AM 1:00 PM	7:00 Am

Summer Schedule: June 15 to September 14
Pool's Cove to Rencontre East
Crossing time 1.5 hrs

Monday, Thursday & Saturday	Tuesday, Friday &Sunday
8:45 AM, 5:45PM	1:15 AM

Rencontre East to Pool's Cove

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7:00 AM, 3:00 PM	11:30 PM

For further information, visit the Department of Works Service and Transportation website at http://www.gov.nf.ca/ferryservices/

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Infrastructure (cont'd)

- ***Bus Service***

Bay d'Espoir Bus Limited
Covers the entire Coast of Bays region and transports passengers and parcels return from Grand Falls five days a week and return from St. John's twice a week. This bus service provides a direct link to DRL Coachline that covers routes throughout the entire Province.
For further information, contact:

Bay d'Espoir Bus Limited
P.O. Box 37, RR 1
St. Joseph's Cove, NF
AOH 2EO
Contact: Derrick Thornhill
Telephone: (709) 538-3429

Hickey's Bus Services
Covers the Connaigre Peninsula and transports passengers and parcels return from Grand Falls Monday to Friday. This bus service also provides a direct link to DRL Coachline, which as stated earlier, covers routes throughout the entire province.
For further information, contact:

Hickey's Bus Service
P.O. Box 28
Harbour Breton, NF
AOH 1PO
Contact: Carl Spencer
Telephone: (709) 885-2523

- ***Courier Service***

Loomis provides daily service from Grand Falls-Windsor to Bay d'Espoir daily Monday to Friday.

- ***Canada Post***

There are 12 Canada Post Offices throughout the region. Many services can be obtained such as Express Mail and Priority Post which guarantee's delivery.

- ***Recreation, Sports and Leisure***

The Coast of Bays is ideal for those who are seeking a quality leisurely lifestyle, and for the outdoors enthusiast.

The region is notable for its natural beauty, vibrant history and cultural vitality. The rich quality of life is one of the primary reasons to reside here.

Recreational opportunities are excellent with weather and climate conditions that are conducive to four-season outdoor recreational activities.

Communities within the region offer top-quality facilities including recreational centers (9), ball fields (8), soccer fields (3), tennis courts (2), baseball diamond (1) and a ski slope (1). There are three (3) arenas located at Harbour Breton, Milltown and St. Alban's.

Outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy hiking, cross country skiing and snowmobiling through the regions stunning wilderness. Within the next two years the Snowmobile Association should have trail networks completed which can be used for snowmobiling, skiing, or hiking.

There are many small bays, inlets, coves and open waterways that offer exciting opportunities for sailing, pleasure boating, saltwater fishing, scuba diving, canoeing and sea kayaking. As well, within the region there is great potential for whale watching and observing diverse species of bird life.

- ***Housing***

The housing market in the Coast of Bays is excellent for buyers with real estate available at reasonable prices. For a two to three bedroom bungalow the prices range from $15,000 to $50,000.

Municipality	***Average Price of Dwelling***
Belleoram	$15,000-$25,000
Conne River	$40,000-$45,000
Gaultois	$15,000-$30,000
Harbour Breton	$45,000-$50,000
Hermitage - Sandyville	$20,000-$25,000
McCallum	$15,000-$30,000
Milltown – Head Bay D'Espoir	$25,000-$45,000
Morrisville	$16,000-$20,000
Pool's Cove	$20,000-$30,000
Rencontre East	$15,000-$30,000
Seal Cove	$20,000-$25,000
St. Alban's	$25,000-$45,000
St. Jacques – Coomb's Cove	$20,000-$25,000
St. Joseph's Cove – St. Veronica's	$17,500-$30,000

Municipalities, 1999 and Dew Enterprises, 1999

Apartment rental is also available in the Coast of Bays region in most communities. For a two to three bedroom apartment prices range from $250 to $400 per month.

Municipality	***Average Price of Apartment Rental***
Belleoram	$375
Conne River	$330
Gaultois	N/A
Harbour Breton	$400
Hermitage - Sandyville	$300
McCallum	N/A
Milltown – Head Bay d' Espoir	$350
Morrisville	N/A
Pool's Cove	$370
Rencontre East	$350
Seal Cove	N/A
St. Alban's	$350
St. Jacques – Coomb's Cove	$300
St. Joseph's Cove – St. Veronica's	$250

Municipalities, 1999

Quality of Life (cont'd)

- ***Culture and Talent***

Cultural life thrives in the Coast of Bays region. To visit here is to feel a part of its history in the making. While the people of the region make ready to enter into a new era, they never forget the importance of the past and those that have gone before. This is reflected in our strong culture, ranging from music and crafts to festivals that celebrate both our past and present.

Each summer many communities come alive with festivals that include individual tradition, music and dance. These attractions include:

Annual Powwow
Conne River
Contact: Tammy Drew
Telephone:(709) 882-2470

St. Anne's Day Celebration
Conne River
Contact: Linda Joe
Telephone: (709) 882-2710

Ironskull Festival
Belleoram
Contact: Town of Belleoram
Telephone: (709) 881-6161

Tradition by The Sea
Harbour Breton
Contact: Town of Harbour Breton
Telephone: (709) 885-2354

South Coast Arts Festival
St. Jacques
Contact: Town of St. Jacques-Coomb's Cove
Telephone:(709)888-3371

Rainbow Trout Festival
Bay d'Espoir
Contact: Coast of Bays Resource Enhancement Corporation (COBREC)
Telephone: (709) 538-3529

Rum Runners Festival
Hermitage
Contact: Town of Hermitage
Telephone: (709) 883-2343

Music plays an important role in the Coast of Bays. The area has many talented artists and musicians and the region is home to a state of the art musical recording studio that is on par with any in the world. For more information on this music studio, contact Sim Savory at (709) 881-4567 or e-mail ssavory@nf.sympatico.ca.

Crafts play an important role in the Coast of Bays region. Many crafts are produced here including clothing and knitted goods; baskets; paintings; bone, stone, and granite craving; and local folk art. In total, there are nine craft stores in the region; four of these sell internationally. There are also three local carvers and all sell nationally and internationally.

Quality of Life (cont'd)

- ***Education***

In terms of post-secondary education, 19.6% of the zone's population has attained a post-secondary certificate, trade, diploma or degree (Statistics Canada).

- ***Public Schools***

Public schools in the region offer a high quality of academic programs of study. These schools are fully equipped with modern sports facilities, technological equipment, Internet access and library facilities. In total there are 11 public schools in the region.

School	Location	Grade	Students	Teacher Units	Telephone	Website/E-mail
Fitzgerald Academy	English Harbour West	K-12	258	20.5	709-888-3426	www.k12.nf.ca/fitzgerald
Greenwood Academy	Milltown	K-12	211	17.5	709-882-2500	www.k12.nf.ca/greenwood-academy/
Holy Cross All Grade	St. Alban's	K-12	271	18	709-538-3254	www.k12.nf.ca/hcag/
John Watkins Academy	Hermitage	K-12	165	15	709-883-2480	cnewport@calvin.stemnet.nf.ca
King Academy	Harbour Breton	7-12	220	16	709-885-2319	wjackman@calvin.stemnet.nf.ca
St. Joseph's Elementary	Harbour Breton	K-6	213	13.5	709-885-2407	jgeorge@calvin.stemnet.nf.ca
St. Lawrence Elementary	Belleoram	K-4	46	4.5	709-881-6400	dhammond@calvin.stemnet.nf.ca
St. Peter's All Grade	McCallum	K-12	21	3.5	709-846-4103	gnash@calvin.stemnet.nf.ca
St. Stephen's All Grade	Rencontre East	K-12	49	6	709-848-3231	sfowlow@calvin.stemnet.nf.ca
Victoria All Grade	Gaultois	K-12	86	10	709-841-3151	grogers@calvin.stemnet.nf.ca
St. Anne's School	Conne River	K-12	180	20	709-882-2941	www.stemnet.nf.ca/~stannes/

Department of Education

Schooling from the primary grade through grade 12 is free and attendance is compulsory. Busing is provided for all students in need of this service. Total enrollment for all schools in 1998-99 was 1720 with 144.5 teacher units.

Quality of Life (cont'd)

The Baie Verte-Central-Connaigre School Board administers all the public schools within the region, with the exception of St. Anne's School, which is administered by the Conne River Indian Band Government.

The School Board also offers four Distance Education Programs whereby those individuals have access to advanced education courses. These programs are offered through the schools at Gaultois, Rencontre East, McCallum and Hermitage with teleconferencing equipment.

For further information, contact:

Baie Verte-Central-Connaigre School Board, District # 5
P.O. Box 70
Grand Falls Windsor
A2A 2J5
Telephone: (709) 489-2168
Fax: (709) 489-6585
Website: http://www.k12.nf.ca/bycc

St. Anne's School in Conne River is the only native school in Newfoundland. This school incorporates the Micmac traditions, culture and language within the curriculum.

For further information, contact:

Conne River Band Council
P.O. Box 19
Conne River, NF
AOH 2EO
Telephone: (709) 882-2470
Fax: (709) 882-2168
Website: http://www.k12.ca/stannes/

- ***Public Colleges***

College of The North Atlantic

The College of The North Atlantic has set up nine Open Learning Centers within the Coast of Bays region. These Open Learning Centers are located in Conne River, Milltown, St. Alban's, Rencontre East, English Harbour West, Belleoram, Harbour Breton, Hermitage and Gaultois.

The Opening Learning Centers offer three programs of study: Adult Basic Education, Office Administration, and Business Administration.

All three of these programs have been offered free of charge to the individuals enrolling. The only expense that students have to endure is the cost of books. Funding for this has been provided through Human Resources Development Canada. For further information, contact the Grand Falls Campus at (709) 489-4317 or visit their Website at www.northatlantic.nf.ca.

Quality of Life (cont'd)

- ***Preschool Programs***

The Coast of Bays Region is the home to four preschool programs. These programs are offered to children one year before entering the public school system.

Milltown
Greenwood Academy
P.O. Box 190
Milltown, NF
AOH 1WO
Contact: Amanda Kendall
Telephone:(709) 882-2500
Fax:(709) 882-2302

Belleoram
St. Lawrence Elementary
P.O. Box 100
Belleoram, NF
AOH 1B0
Contact: Dave Hammond
Telephone:(709) 881-6431
Fax:(709) 881-6421

Conne River
St. Anne's School
P.O. Box 100
Conne River, NF
AOH 1JO
Contact: Darlene Kendall
Telephone:(709)882-2941
Fax:(709) 882-2528

Harbour Breton
St. Joseph's Elementary
P.O. Box 329
Harbour Breton, NF
AOH 1PO
Contact: Yvonne Rogers
Telephone:(709) 885-2407
Fax:(709) 885-2443

- ***Private Schools***

Valerie's Music Studio

Valerie's Music Studio is located in the community of Milltown, and is owned and operated by Valerie Coombs. For 1998-1999, the school had approximately thirty-five students enrolled. Vocal and instrumental lessons are available to students ages four and up. Average time of lessons varies from ½ hour to 1 hour. The cost of a lesson is $12.50 per ½ hour or $25 per hour.

For more information, contact Valerie at (709) 882-2381.

Aquatic Resources Inc.

Aquatic Resources Inc. is a company in St. Alban's that offers the "Salmonid Farm Worker" course. This course introduces students to the history of aquaculture, provides an overview of the state of the industry and most importantly prepares the students in all facets of this developing industry. The duration of this course is thirteen weeks, eight weeks theory and five weeks practical. The average cost of this course is $2500, due to the growing Aquaculture industry in this area 80 % of the graduates have become employed in the industry.

For more information, contact Aquatic Resources Inc. at (709) 538-3359 or e-mail nasl@cancom.net.

Services

- ***Libraries***

Located in the Coast of Bays region are four public libraries. These libraries have a good selection of books and magazines that are changed on a regular basis ensuring fresh materials for reading enthusiasts. Borrowers enjoy the convenience of a sign out policy with a return of books in two weeks. Free public access to the Internet and use of computers are available at the libraries in Gaultois, Hermitage and St. Alban's.

For further information on these libraries, contact:

Harbour Breton Public Library	(709) 885-2165
Hermitage Public Library	(709) 883-2421
Gaultois Public Library	(709) 841-3311
St. Alban's Public Library	(709) 538-3034

- ***Police Protection***

The Coast of Bays region has two police detachments and one Tribal Police Department located at Conne River. The Head Bay d'Espoir Police detachment is responsible for the Bay D Espoir area and the Harbour Breton detachment is responsible for the Connaigre Peninsula along with the Fortune Bay North Shore area. The Conne River Tribal Police monitors their community while receiving assistance and support from either of the RCMP detachments whenever required.

To reach a detachment, contact:

RCMP, Head Bay d'Espoir- Milltown
P.O. Box 99
Milltown, NF
AOH 1WO
Contact: Cpl. Ed Wright
Telephone: (709) 882-2230
Fax: (709) 882-2911

RCMP, Harbour Breton
P.O. Box 119
Harbour Breton, NF
AOH 1P0
Contact: Cpl. Scott Thistle
Telephone: (709) 885-2320
Fax: (709)885-2950

Conne River Tribal Police
P.O. Box 34
Conne River Reserve, NF
AOH 1JO
Contact: Sgt. Wade Blake
Telephone:(709) 882-2915
Fax: (709) 882-2894

- ***Fire Protection***

In case of an emergency, contact one of the following numbers.

Belleoram	881-6201
Conne River	882-2222
Gaultois	841-6546
Harbour Breton	885-9999
Hermitage	883-2343
McCallum	846-3201
Milltown-Head Bay D'Espoir	882-2000
Morrisville	882-2322
Pool's Cove	665-3421
Rencontre East	848-3121
Seal Cove	851-2102
St. Alban's	538-3000
St. Jacques-Coomb's Cove	888-3473

Services (cont'd)

- ***Health Care***

The Coast of Bays zone offers favorable medical services to the people of the region. In total, the region has 1 hospital and 7 clinics.

* ***Hospital***

The Harbour Breton Hospital is an accredited fifteen-bed facility that services a population of 3000-4000 people. The hospital serves on average 20,000 to 24,000 patients per year, with approximately 500 admittances per year.
Staff includes:

* 3 physicians * 5 full time nurses (2 casual) * 2 laboratory and x-ray technicians

For further information, contact:

Harbour Breton Hospital
P.O. Box 70
Harbour Breton, NF
AOH 1P0
Contact: Dorothy Johnston
Telephone: (709) 885-2359
Fax: (709) 885-2358

The Central Regional Hospital is located in Grand Falls, approximately 180 km away.

* ***Clinics***

Mose Ambrose Clinic and Hermitage Clinic are satellite clinics of the Harbour Breton. Both clinics staff includes:

* 1 full time physician * 1 full time nurse

McCallum, Gaultois and Rencontre East do have there own clinics and regularly scheduled visits are made to these clinics weekly or biweekly by a nurse practitioner and every five weeks by a physician.

The Bay D'Espoir Medical Clinic is located in St. Alban's. The clinic sees between 12,000-14,000 patients annually with laboratory and x-ray services on site. Monthly visits by specialists compliment the services provided by the clinic.
The clinic's staff includes:

* 2 physicians * 1 full time nurse (2 casual) * 2 laboratory and x-ray technicians

Services (cont'd)

Conne River has it own clinic, which is managed by the Conne River Band Council. Physicians from the Bay D'Espoir Medical Clinic make a weekly visit to this clinic.

For more information, contact:

Mose Ambrose Clinic
General Delivery
English Harbour West, NF
AOH IMO
Contact: Beth Skinner
Telephone: (709) 888-3541
Fax: (709) 888-6281

Rencontre East Medical Clinic
General Delivery
Rencontre East, NF
AOH 2CO
Contact: Dorothy Johnston
Telephone: (709) 848-3410

Bay D'Espoir Medical Clinic
P.O. Box 369
St. Alban's, NF
AOH 2E0
Contact: Tara Gillam
Telephone: (709) 538-3244
Fax: (709) 538-3228

Hermitage Medical Clinic
P.O. Box 40
Hermitage, NF
AOH 1SO
Contact: Loretta Abbott
Telephone: (709) 883-2222
Fax: (709) 883-2292

McCallum Medical Center
General Delivery
McCallum, NF
AOM 1LO
Contact: Dorothy Johnston
Telephone: (709) 846-4104

Gaultois Medical Clinic
General Delivery
Gaultois, NF
AOH 1NO
Contact: Wendy Price
Telephone: (709) 841-7331

Conne River Health and Social Services
P.O. Box 169
Conne River, NF
AOH 1JO
Contact: Theresa O'Keefe
Telephone: (709) 882-2710
Fax: (709) 882-2748

With the exception of Conne River Clinic, the above hospital and clinics are administered by the Central West Health Corporation. For further information visit their website at www.newcomm.net/cwhealth/.

- ***Dental and Optometrist Services***

Dental Services are provided in Conne River on a day to day basis. In St. Alban's, Harbour Breton and Hermitage, dental services are provided one week per month.

Optometrist services are provided in Conne River, St. Alban's, Hermitage and Harbour Breton one to two days per month, in each of these communities, depending on the need.

Services (cont'd)

- ***Ambulance Services***

Ground and air ambulances are readily available for all emergency cases.

AREA	*Ambulance Telephone Number*
St. Alban's, Morrisville, St. Joseph's Cove, Milltown, St. Veronica's	(709) 538-3117
Conne River	(709) 882-2705
Harbour Breton, Pool's Cove	(709) 885-2359
Mose Ambrose, English Harbour West, Boxey, St. Jacques, Coomb's Cove, Wreck Cove, Belleoram and Rencontre East	(709)881-4531
Hermitage, Sandyville, Seal Cove, Gaultois, McCallum	(709) 883-2222

- ***Health Services***

Public Health and Continuing Care Services are available in each sub-region.

Nurses	*Region*	*Contact*
Public Health Nurse	Bay d'Espoir, St. Alban's	Marilyn Barnes 538-3563
Continuing Care Nurse	Bay d'Espoir, St. Alban's	Helena Collier 538-3048
Public Health Nurse	Fortune Bay, Pool's Cove	Lorraine Bambury 665-4291
Continuing Care Nurse	Fortune Bay, English Harbour West	Beverly Williams 888-3100
Public Health Nurse	ConHer, Harbour Breton	Louise Price 885-2403
Continuing Care Nurse	ConHer, Harbour Breton	Sharon Skinner 885-2106

- ***Senior's Facilities***

Sunset Cottages

Sunset Cottages are located in the Harbour Breton area and consist of eight cottages that provide both single and double occupancy. Sunset Cottages are available for retired individuals who are out of the work force and are able to live independently.

KM Homes

KM Homes, a level 2 facility is situated in the community of St. Alban's. With a fully trained staff of nine, KM Homes provides two staff members twenty-four hours a day to assist residents with their day to day needs. KM Home is licensed to accommodate thirty people with six single rooms and twelve double rooms.

Greenwood Manor

Greenwood Manor, located in the community of Milltown is a twelve apartment facility that is self-contained by the residents of each apartment. The apartments are fully furnished and have all the accessories that residents may need.

Services (cont'd)

- ***Ambulance Services***

Ground and air ambulances are readily available for all emergency cases.

AREA	*Ambulance Telephone Number*
St. Alban's, Morrisville, St. Joseph's Cove, Milltown, St. Veronica's	(709) 538-3117
Conne River	(709) 882-2705
Harbour Breton, Pool's Cove	(709) 885-2359
Mose Ambrose, English Harbour West, Boxey, St. Jacques, Coomb's Cove, Wreck Cove, Belleoram and Rencontre East	(709)881-4531
Hermitage, Sandyville, Seal Cove, Gaultois, McCallum	(709) 883-2222

- ***Health Services***

Public Health and Continuing Care Services are available in each sub-region.

Nurses	*Region*	*Contact*
Public Health Nurse	Bay d'Espoir, St. Alban's	Marilyn Barnes 538-3563
Continuing Care Nurse	Bay d'Espoir, St. Alban's	Helena Collier 538-3048
Public Health Nurse	Fortune Bay, Pool's Cove	Lorraine Bambury 665-4291
Continuing Care Nurse	Fortune Bay, English Harbour West	Beverly Williams 888-3100
Public Health Nurse	ConHer, Harbour Breton	Louise Price 885-2403
Continuing Care Nurse	ConHer, Harbour Breton	Sharon Skinner 885-2106

- ***Senior's Facilities***

Sunset Cottages

Sunset Cottages are located in the Harbour Breton area and consist of eight cottages that provide both single and double occupancy. Sunset Cottages are available for retired individuals who are out of the work force and are able to live independently.

KM Homes

KM Homes, a level 2 facility is situated in the community of St. Alban's. With a fully trained staff of nine, KM Homes provides two staff members twenty-four hours a day to assist residents with their day to day needs. KM Home is licensed to accommodate thirty people with six single rooms and twelve double rooms.

Greenwood Manor

Greenwood Manor, located in the community of Milltown is a twelve apartment facility that is self-contained by the residents of each apartment. The apartments are fully furnished and have all the accessories that residents may need.

Services (cont'd)

- ***Financial Institutions***

CIBC

The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce is located in Habour Breton. This bank offers credit products such as personal loans, mortgages, personal line of credit, and credit cards. CIBC offers a wide selection of guaranteed investment certificates which can be registered (RRSP) or non-registered. CIBC also offers a wide selection of mutual funds with over thirty funds to choose from.

Convenient banking is available at this bank with an automatic banking machine, and in branch teller service that tailors to the day to day banking needs. Many different accounts are offered to suit the customers needs. For further information contact, (709) 885-2277.

Credit Union

In Hermitage, one will find a Community Credit Union. The credit union offers many credit products that include, lines of credit, personal loans, mortgages, credit cards and member cards.

The community credit union also offers investment products such as RRSP's and Share Savings. The bank has extended hours of operation, provides financial planning and counselling and in bank teller services to assist with the day to day banking needs. At the credit union, different accounts are provided to meet the needs of the customer. For further information contact, (709) 883-2135.

Bank of Montreal

The Bank of Montreal is located in the community of St. Alban's. It provides a wide range of investment options for their customers including Ready Cash options, Steady Income options and Growth options. The bank offers credit products such as personal loans, mortgages, personal line of credit and credit cards.

Convenient banking is available at this bank with an automatic banking machine and in branch teller service that tailors to the day to day banking needs. Accounts are offered to meet the needs of the customer. For further information contact, (709) 538-3405.

Also, all banks have small business loan programs and funds can be accessed through these programs.

Services (cont'd)

- ***Funding for Businesses***

South Coast Community Development Corporation P.O. Box 37 St. Alban's, NF AOH 2EO Contact: Jeff Gillam Telephone: (709) 538-3846 Fax: (709) 538-3479 E-mail: sccdc@cancom.net	**Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency** 2 Church Street P.O. Box 3000 Grand Bank, NF AOE 1WO Contact: Don Hollett Telephone: (709) 832-2517 Fax: (709) 832-2868 Website: www.acoa.ca
Department Of Development and Rural Renewal P.O. Box 430 St. Alban's, NF Contact: Gail Moore Telephone: (709) 538-3796 Fax: (709) 538-3478 Website: www.gov.nf.ca\drr	**Business Development Bank of Canada** 42 High Street P.O. Box 744Grand Falls-Windsor, NF A2A 2M4 Contact: B. Dale Rideout Telephone: (709) 489-2182 Fax: (709) 489-6569 Website: www.bdc.ca
Human Resources Development Canada 4A Bayley Street, Suite 100 Grand Falls-Windsor, NF A2A 2T5 Contact: Colin Wall Telephone: (709) 292-5136 Fax: (709) 292-5204 Website: //hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/	**Human Resources and Employment** Provincial Building Grand Falls-Windsor A2A 1W9 Contact: Carol Gillis Telephone: (709) 292-4368 Fax: (709) 292-4501
Industry Canada 10th Floor John Cabot Building 10 Barter's Hill St. John's, NF A1C 6M1 Telephone: (709)772-4866 Fax: (709) 772-5093 Website: http://www.ic.gc.ca/	**Export Development Corporation** Purdy's Wharf Tower II Suite 1410 1969 Upper Water Street Halifax, NS B3J 3R7 Telephone: (902) 429-0426 Fax: (902) 423-0881 Website: http://www.edc.ca/

For further information on funding for businesses, contact the Canadian Business Center at 1-800-668-1010.

Taxation Rates

- ***Provincial Taxes and Premiums***

At the provincial level, businesses remit corporate income tax. health and post-secondary education tax, and workers compensation premiums. Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission premiums are paid by businesses that operate in the region. These premiums provide income support to workers who are injured on the job and allow the businesses to avoid carrying independent liability insurance. Companies must also contribute to two employee benefit programs: Employment Insurance and the Canada Pension Plan. Employers must deduct premiums for each of these programs from their employee's pay and make employer contributions (Government of Newfoundland and Labrador).

- ***Harmonized Sales Tax***

Newfoundland and Labrador's Provincial Sales Tax (PST) and Canada's national Goods and Services tax (GST) are brought together to form the 15 % *Harmonized Sales Tax (HST)*. It is applied to the same goods and services as the GST. By allowing full input tax credits to business, goods and services that are produced within Newfoundland and Labrador will be more competitive in both local and global markets (Government of Canada).

- ***Municipal Taxes***

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Municipality	*Water-Sewer Rate*	*Property Tax*	*Poll Rate*
Belleoram	$240 per year	9 mills	$150
Conne River	Non-Applicable	Non-Applicable	Non-Applicable
Gaultois	$360 per year	Non-Applicable	$240
Harbour Breton	300 per year	8.5 mills	$110
Hermitage	$220 per year	7 mills	$165
McCallum	$108 (water)per year	Non-Applicable	Non-Applicable
Milltown	$264 per year	10 mills	$150
Morrisville	$125(water) per year	12 mills	$175
Pool's Cove	$100 (water)per year	6 mills	$145
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Taxation Rates (cont'd)

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In 1990, Chatelaine magazine cited this region as one of the locations with the cleanest air in Canada.

The Coast of Bays has relatively cool summers with warm winters. The average first day of frost is October 11 and the average last day of frost is May 14. These conditions are favorable to the economic growth industries within the Coast of Bays region. Due to the many small bays and inlets, most communities are landlocked and protected which in turn benefits agricultural and aquaculture industries in the area.

Month	*Daily Mean Temperature*	*Average Rainfall*	*Average Snowfall*
January	-6.6 °C	88.9 (mm)	71.1 (cm)
February	-6.6 °C	71.1 (mm)	58.3 (cm)
March	-2.9 °C	87.2 (mm)	49.0 (cm)
April	2.7 °C	96.8 (mm)	15.9 (cm)
May	7.6 °C	100.3 (mm)	2.7 (cm)
June	12.2 °C	118.6 (mm)	0.0 (cm)
July	16.1 °C	110.3 (mm)	0.0 (cm)
August	16.0 °C	119.3 (mm)	0.0 (cm)
September	11.9 °C	123.6 (mm)	0.0 (cm)
October	6.7 °C	148.0 (mm)	1.3 (cm)
November	2.3 °C	136.8 (mm)	15.0 (cm)
December	-3.1 °C	118.1 (mm)	49.7 (cm)

Source: Environment Canada 1967-1990, Zone Board, Bay D'Espoir Hydro Generating Station

To obtain information on the daily local forecast or climatic conditions within the region visit www.ns.ec.gc.ca/weather/nf_fortxt.html or www.ns.ec.gc.ca/climate/nfld.html

- ***Fisheries***

The fishing industry has long been the backbone of the economy in the Coast of Bays region. In fact, for some 500 years, the fishery has held pride of place in the Coast of Bays, and the region owes its very existence to the rich resource. The region is home to a workforce that is skilled in both harvesting and processing and a solid infrastructure exist for the industry featuring five processing plants, three plants that has been designated as multi-species core under the provincial governments new fishing policy.

The fishing industry has recently taken a new approach with diversification, quality and value added processing at the forefront. The future of the fishery lies in the utilization of both traditional and non-traditional species. The configuration of existing processing facilities provides an infrastructure base for upgrading to secondary processing such as canning and smoking.

With expanding global markets for seafood products, the clean Atlantic waters of the Coast of Bays offer tremendous opportunities for innovators, investors and entrepreneurs. The abundance of groundfish, pelagics, snow crab, sea urchins, lobster, shrimp, skate, eels, shark and seaweed provides the region with tremendous potential for diversification and value-added processing for local and international markets.

This region combines the advantages of rich resources, knowledgeable and efficient workers, strong commitment to quality, and a strategic location for fast shipment to world markets. The Coast of Bays offers the chance to become a world leader in specialty foods and delicacies.

Economic Development Industries (cont'd)

- ***Fish Processing Plants***

Processing Plant-Location	*Species Processed*	*Peak Capacity*
SeaCrest Hermitage	Groundfish Pelagics	60,000 pound per day both species with Labour Force of 140 people.
SCB Fisheries St. Alban's	Atlantic Salmon Rainbow Trout Brook Trout	16,000 pound per day with a Labour Force of 40 people.
Fishery Product International Harbour Breton	Redfish	100,000 pounds per day with a Labour Force of 150 people
Gaultois Processing Plant Gaultois	Redfish	100,000 pounds per day with a Labour Force of 130 people.
Harbour Breton, NF Retail Trade Harbour Breton	Groundfish	64,000 pounds per day with a Labour Force of 70 people.

- ***Fishery Infrastructure in Zone 13***

Assets	*Number*	*Locations*
Bait Trawl Room	7	Belleoram, Boxey, Gaultois, Habour Breton, Hermitage, Seal Cove, Pool's Cove
Community Stage	5	Coomb's Cove, Rencontre East, McCallum, Seal Cove, Hermitage
Ice Making Facility	3	Hermitage, Harbour Breton, Gaultois
Marine Service Center	1	Harbour Breton
Fish Plant	5	Harbour Breton (2), Hermitage, Gaultois, St. Alban's
Slipways	27	Belleoram, Boxey, English Harbour West (4), Gaultois (2), Harbour Breton (3), Hermitage (2), McCallum, Sandyville, Seal Cove, Mose Ambrose, Pool's Cove (3), Rencontre East (2), Wreck Cove (2), Milltown, St. Alban's, Conne River
Gear Shed	2	Wreck Cove, Pool's Cove
Harbour Authorities	6	Pool's Cove, Hermitage, Harbour Breton, Wreck Cove, Boxey, Seal Cove.

Department of Fisheries and Oceans, 1998

- ***Value of Fish Landed in the Coast of Bays Region***

Species	*Landed Value*
Squid, Illes	$87.75
Lobster	$2,430,245.94
Crab, Queen/Snow	$1,379,567.49
Cod, Atlantic	$3,985,237.55
Haddock	$9,301.67
Redfish	$2,379,357.34
Halibut	$57,526.33
American plaice	$95,679.10
Yellowtail flounder	$5,283.20
Greysolewitch (blackback)	$108,982.68
Winter flounder	$658.69
Turbot/Greenland halibut	$26,419.63
Skate	$31,687.62
Dogfish	$1,378.55
Pollock	$91,590.68
Hake, White	$32,976.39
Hake, Silver	$0.00
Cusk	$0.75
Catfish	$8,690.09
Monkfish (American Angel)	$13,075.53
Grenadier, round-nose	$141.11
Roe, lumpfish	$347,737.56
Scallop, Sea	$3,444.00
Scallop, Iceland	$1,416.45
Herring, Atlantic	$4,740.13
Mackerel	$604.65
Eels	$3,847.05
Total	$11,019,677.84

Department of Fisheries and Oceans, 1998

- ***Aquaculture***

The marine environment of the Coast of Bays is ideal for farming several species of shellfish and finfish. With excellent aquatic conditions, the region is home to a thriving scallop hatchery, producing a consistent supply of scallop seed that enhances scallop-farming province wide. The region also boasts the largest commercial salmonid hatchery in the province. Millions of steelhead trout and thousands of Atlantic salmon are hatched annually; then on-grown at marine farms throughout the Coast of Bays.

Currently, there are 20 marine farms throughout the region.

Company Name	***Location***	***Species***
Locker Aqua Ltd.	Gaultois	Blue Mussels (Commercial)
Blue Water Farms Inc	Hermitage	Blue Mussels (Commercial)
ConAqua Ltd.	Harbour Breton	Blue Mussels (Commercial)
Shell Fresh Farms	Pool's Cove	Blue Mussels (Commercial)
Connaigre Aquaculture Farms Ltd.	Harbour Breton	Blue Mussels (Commercial)
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Atlantis Farms Ltd.	St. Alban's	Blue Mussels (Commercial)
Everett Rose	Gaultois	Blue Mussels (Developmental)
Wayne Stoodley	Harbour Breton	Blue Mussels (Developmental)
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COBERC	St. Veronica's	Rainbow Trout (Commercial)
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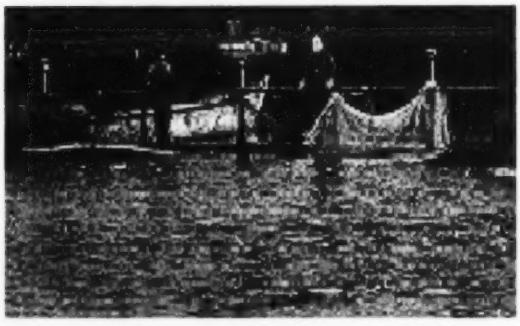

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- ***Natural Resources***

Forestry

The Coast of Bays region's natural environment is one of its greatest strengths. Forestry has traditionally been a major source of employment for residents of the region and still continues to be an important employer today. The abundance of hardwood and softwood stands in the area has the potential to supply top-quality raw material for value-added manufacturing enterprises. The Balsam Fir Sites in the area have nearly a 100% rate of regeneration, and the region is one of only a few places in the province where Eastern White Pine can still be found.

Currently there are commercial mills operating in the Coast of Bays region who are involved in primary production. The annual harvest production for the past few years is one (1) million board feet. Because there are no major industrial operators in the area, approximately 108,150 hectares of vast uncleared land is available. The Coast of Bays ongoing silviculture initiatives ensure a sustainable resource for future development and profitability.

Agri-foods

With increasing demand for cultural, health and speciality foods, the Coast of Bays' vast resources provide a natural advantage for becoming an important player in the food industry. Along with abundant animal life, the many barrens and marshes of the region hold a rich harvest of wild berries for the making of jams, jellies and wines to please the palate. Within the region there is approximately 500 acres of land available for agriculture. Local topsoil is among the best in the Province and as a result crop and livestock production can thrive here.

Mining

Initial exploration conducted in the region has revealed prime quality stone. Prospecting is still in its early stages and much more exploration is required, however results are promising. With Pink Granite and gold deposits known to exist, interest in staking claims is steadily rising.

- ***Tourism***

The Coast of Bays region is a naturally vibrant and visually spectacular location to visit and has tremendous tourism potential. With today's travel trend toward shorter vacations focused on deeper experience, the Coast of Bays is a genuine haven for individuals and families seeking relaxation, culture or adventure in a natural setting. The region has a multitude of small bays, inlets, coves and waterways making it an ideal environment for aquatic adventures. The life and times of early settlers are evident in the historic sites that are established, such as Cluett House in Belleoram and Sunny Cottage Heritage Center in Harbour Breton.

Tourism development opportunities abound both along the coast and inland. A dizzying array of wild animals and natural attractions provide the keystones for eco-tourism, adventure packages, boat charters, hunting expeditions and fishing lodges. Big and small game can be viewed in their natural habitat.

In the region, there are many licensed rivers and brooks where by one can experience the thrill of catching a salmon. As well, locally farmed trout can be fished from a fish out pond located in St. Veronica's.

Accommodations are located throughout the Coast of Bays region. There are four parks in the region with a total of fifty-three campsites, along with three hunting and fishing lodges. In Bay d'Espoir, there are three motels and one cabin operator. Fortune Bay North Shore has three bed and breakfasts, while the ConHer sub region has two motels and three bed and breakfasts. Prices for accommodations range from $40.00 to $90.00.

For more information on tourism activities contact the Tourism Association at 538-3552.

Economic Development Industries (cont'd)

- ***Tourism***

Culture and Heritage Attractions

Existing	*Potential*
• John Cluett House – Belleoram • Sunny Cottage Heritage Centre – Harbour Breton • Petite's Museum – English Harbour West • Micmac Reserve – Conne River • Annual Festivals (refer to culture and talent section) • Industrial Tourism Sites – Scallop Hatchery – Hydro Station – Salmon Hatchery	• St. Lawrence Anglican Church – Belleoram • Lighthouses – Harbour Breton – English Harbour West – St. Jacques • Resettlement Communities • Guided tours

Nature Attractions and Experiences

Existing	*Potential*
• Bay du Nord Wilderness Reserve • Bay du Nord National Heritage River • St. Veronica's Fish-out Pond • Bald Eagle Viewing – Pool's Cove • Deadman's Cove Beach – Harbour Breton • Fishing • Hunting • Year round Rainbow trout fishing • Five Scheduled Salmon Rivers	• Boat Tours • Guided tours of wilderness areas • Sea Kayaking – Fiords • Canoeing • Scuba Diving • Hiking Trails • Sea Stacks near Pool's Cove visible by boat.

Facilities and Service

Existing	*Potential – Facilities being pursued*
• Several Motels and Bed and Breakfasts located throughout the region. • Variety of Restaurants offering both Canadian and Newfoundland meals. • Nine craft shops and three local carvers provide a variety of items reflective of Newfoundland Culture. • Hunting and Fishing Outfitters and lodges. • Passenger Ferry Service to remote communities. • Bus service available to, and within the region. • Helicopter and Floatplane air service available in the region. • Wharf and docking facilities available in the region.	• Upgrade of Airstrip in St. Veronica's to support commercial traffic. • Roll on/off Ferry Service Connecting to the Burin Peninsula.

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- ***Distance and Travel***

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From **Grand Falls** to the Coast of Bays	180 km	1 hr and 45 minutes
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From **St. John's** to the Coast of Bays	539 km	5 hrs and 40 minutes

Travel distances within the Coast of Bays:

Estimated Travel Distances

# of Km / Est. Time	Milltown	Conne River	Harbour Breton	Boxey	Pool's Cove	Hermitage
St. Alban's	22 km	42 km	105 km	104 km	77 km	102 km
Milltown		27 km	87 km	88 km	62 km	87 km
Conne River			84 km	85 km	59 km	84 km
Harbour Breton				81 km	55 km	48 km
Boxey					42 km	81 km
Pool's Cove						55 km

Estimated Travel Time

- ***Number of Businesses by Sector***

Sector	*Fortune Bay North Shore*	*Connaigre Peninsula*	*Bay d'Espoir*	*Total*
Agriculture	2	2	9	13
Construction	6	2	10	17
Aquaculture	4	10	9	23
Consulting Agencies	0	0	4	4
Cultural Industries	5	6	6	17
Fisheries	1	6	1	8
Forestry	9	3	14	26
Information Technology	0	1	1	2
Miscellaneous	1	4	6	11
Retail	25	39	43	107
Accommodations	4	4	4	12
Food/Beverage outlets	4	9	12	25
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Appendix C

- ***Number of Services***

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Clinics	2	3	2	7
Senior's Complexes	0	1	2	3
Nutrition centers	0	0	1	1
Public Health	1	1	1	3
Continuing Care	1	1	1	3
Ambulance services	1	2	2	5
Dentist	0	2	2	4
Optometrists	0	3	2	5
Pharmacies	0	1	1	2
Banks	0	2	1	3
Court Rooms	1	1	2	4
Post Offices	3	5	4	12
Police Stations	0	1	2	3
Town Councils	4	4	4	12
Local Service Districts	0	1	1	2

- ***Existing and Underutilized Infrastructure***

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Town Hall	Milltown
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Social Services Building	Harbour Breton
Town Council	Hermitage
Conher Development Association Building	Hermitage
Clinic	Pool's Cove
Fish Stage Building	Pool's Cove
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School Board Building	Mose Ambrose
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